

## HISTORY OF COUNTY

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### VOLUNTEERS FOR THE RECENT WAR.

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### GRANBY.

BY LOOMIS WELLS, ESQ.

This town was named, tradition says, in honor of Lord or Earl Granby, and was chartered Oct. 10th, 1761, by King George III. to Elihu Hall and 63 others. Divided into 70 equal shares, containing by admeasurement 23,040 acres, and to be six miles square and no more, out of which an allowance was to be made for highways, and unimprovable lands by rocks, ponds, mountains, and rivers, 1040 acres free.

The charter is in the usual form of the Benning Wentworth New Hampshire charters, containing conditions and reservations of no importance to the present inhabitants of the town, since the successful rebellion of the colonists. The "Governor's farm of 600 acres is in the S. E. corner of the town, and the public rights of "Glebe" and "Incorporated Society" are pretty much all that is left to remind the inhabitants—unless one looks at the copy of the charter in the Town Clerk's office—that their homesteads were once English property, and were granted to past generations by the special grace and mere motion of a British king.

Granby is bounded N. E. by Ferdinand and Maidstone, S. E. by Guildhall, S. W. by Victory, and N. W. by East Haven, in lat. 44 deg. 35 min. N. and long. 5 deg. 5 min. W., 47 miles N. E. of Montpelier.

The surface of the town is broken and hilly, not to say mountainous. The soil is mostly of the granite order, and is better adapted to grazing, and the growing of the coarser grains and vegetables, than for wheat and corn, which require the selection of the best fields, and a favorable season; and even then are more or less uncertain crops.

Rocks are abundant, affording an available material for fences; and there are some specimens of interest to the geologist.

Good clay is very scarce, and of minerals nothing of practical importance is known.

Cow Mountain in the S. E., and Mud Pond in the southerly part of the town, both rather small, are all the ponds known with any certainty to be within the limits of the town. Unknown Pond, also small, near the N. W. corner of the town, is believed by some to be in Granby, and by others in Ferdinand.

The streams too are small. Moose river or Gaswell's stream, as surveyor Gen. Whitelaw calls it, runs across the S. W. corner of the town, from East Haven to Victory, and two or three of its branches rise in the southerly slope of Granby. One brook runs easterly through Guildhall to Connecticut river, and with Paul's stream and its branches drain the northerly slope of the town, and these streams afford a pretty good supply of water power.

Of timber the white pine was quite plenty in the north part of the town, but a considerable portion of the best quality has been cut. Spruce and balsam however are abundant, as but a small part of the town has as yet been cleared, and hemlock, tamarack and cedar are found in a few localities. A few elms also are found growing on and near the streams, while maple, birch and beech are the principal varieties of hard wood.

There are no existing indications that the Indians ever inhabited any part of Granby, and who was the first white man that penetrated this wilderness region probably none of the present or future generations will ever know.

Henry Stevens, the antiquarian, writes "I have heard Daniel and Levi Hall, early settlers of Barnet, tell of going up Passumpsic and Moose rivers and through the woods to Nulhegan river, hunting. This was before the settlement of St. Johnsbury, and before and after the Revolutionary war." Perhaps the fact that Elihu Hall, Elihu Hall, Jr., John Hall 5th, Benjamin Hall 2d and Abel Hall were original grantees, makes out a probability that these old hunters first explored this locality for the benefit of their family connections. Yet all that pertains to the first settling of the town must in the main be left to conjecture, as the first settlers and their descendants are all dead or moved beyond the knowledge of the writer; and there is not a tradition, much less a memorandum or scrap of record, of anything that transpired in town before 1777, and it appears to have been more than ten years after this date before the first settler came

into town, for the first census taken in 1791, shows Granby blank. So says Henry Stevens.

### SURVEY AND ALLOTMENT.

Gen. James Whitelaw, of Barnet, surveyed the town line in 1785, commencing at Guildhall Corner, thence N. W. between Victory and Granby six miles, noting the mile marks and place of the streams with his usual accuracy. Then N. E. between East Haven and Granby six miles to a large rock.

The line was then run between Guildhall and Granby, then between Maidstone, Ferdinand and Granby.

Edward Bucknam, and Thomas Darling, under Gen. W.'s direction, surveyed the range lines and made the corners in September, 1787, according to a plan in Henry Stevens' possession, but their field book is said to be lost.

A few particulars from the proprietors' book of records for Granby, may be of interest.

By the way, the old parchment-covered book was bought by Lieut. Timothy Andrews of New Haven, Ct., "as the first book to record all the proceedings of the Propriety," and the Propriety voted to assess themselves 26 shillings to pay for above book, and for carrying the same to upper Coos.

On the fly leaf of this book is the following entry:

We, the subscribers, being appointed a committee, in the year A. D. 1777, to survey and lot out some land at the Coos, especially the township of Granby, which we undertook to do but could not accomplish, for well known reasons; therefore, gentlemen, we think it not improper to give you an account of our expenses:

Our expenses on the road for each,	\$4 12 6
To horse hire, 230 miles, at 2d per mile for each,	2 18 2
To 20 days, at 6s per diem for each one,	6 0 0
Amos Morris, Jr.,	13 10 8
Enos Heminway,	13 10 8
Enj. Andrus,	\$27 1 4
	13 10 8
	\$40 21 0

East Haven, June 29, 1777.

On the next leaf is a vote of the proprietors of Granby, No. 1:

Voted, That a tax is laid on by a vote of the proprietors, at the rate of fifteen shillings, half money, to defray the former charges that have arisen or may arise on account of locating and laying out said town.

September, 27th day, 1779.

Attest: Amos Morris,

Proprietors' Clerk.

A line and a half of the sentence have a heavy black line drawn across them. Ten pages are then left blank, then comes a regular notification of a meeting of the proprietors of Granby, which was called by Eben Curtis, Esq., Aug. 17, 1783, to meet at the house of James Rosebrooks, in Guildhall, on Monday, the first of September, one o'clock p.m., to see if the proprietors will tax themselves to defray the expense of locating and lotting out the town, and raise a committee for that purpose.

The meeting was duly organized, and adjourned to Ebenezer Rice's dwelling-house in Lunenburg, Sept. 5th, when a committee, consisting of Timothy Andrews and six others, was appointed to locate and lot the town as soon as circumstances will permit, and into such sized lots as they think proper.

They also voted an equal tax on each right to pay Amos Morris, E. Heminway, and Benj. Andrews, \$48 and 12s for their services as a committee, appointed at a former meeting, to locate and lot the town.

At the same meeting voted to assess \$10 on each right to locate and lot the town and other necessary expenses.

A meeting of the proprietors of Granby, in the County of Orange, was notified and warned by Elisha Burton, Esq., of Norwich, May 9, 1787, to meet at the house of the late Ebenezer Rice, in Lunenburg, on the second Tuesday of September next, at 1 o'clock p.m. to raise a committee necessary to procure and promote the settlement, to locate and bound out said town and agree upon some suitable encouragement to be given for building a mill or mills, either by surveying land for the purpose or by grants of money, and agree upon an allotment and division of said land to and among the proprietors, either in whole or in part, as may be most convenient. At this meeting Jonah Clark, Esq., Capt. Thomas Darling, Capt. Timothy Andrews and Edward Bucknam were chosen a committee to lot out the said town of Granby into such divisions lots as they shall judge most convenient for the proprietors of said town, as soon as conveniently may be done, agreeably to Mr. Whitelaw's survey, and where the said Whitelaw has run the outlines and made the corners thereof. Also voted a tax of 3 pounds 6 shillings and 7 pence on each right, to pay expenses.

The accounts for surveying Granby were presented and allowed North Haven, Ct., Dec. 5, 1787, and the allotment of the township, as made by a committee in three divisions, was approved at a meeting held at Guildhall, Dec. 9, 1789.

## NEWPORT NEWS.

Edward Kingsley has gone to Orleans to work.

E. C. Blanchard, was in Boston the last of the week.

Albert Boivin spent Saturday and Sunday in Burlington.

E. P. Ware and wife are visiting friends in Montreal, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Berard are visiting in Burlington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerre Lambert visited friends in Topsham last week.

W. E. Bond and O. E. Searles have taken rooms in the Arlington.

George Robinson and Henry Noyes are moving to Wells River.

Mrs. Harriet Lance of Corinth, N. Y., is visiting friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roas of Holland visited friends in town Saturday.

Prof. Frank Pierce of Chicago was a guest at B. I. Webb's over Sunday.

Mrs. G. Leferre and son, Richard, are visiting at Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Aubin's.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Flint are in New York this week buying fall goods.

Gerald Flint spent Sunday at his home here. He is located at Woodville, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Parker of Orleans visited in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Lemuel Lathe and son, Hamilton, of Coventry visited in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Mills and son, Wilson, visited at Wm. Lamphere's recently.

Ara Griggs is moving into the E. J. Hill tenement vacated by John Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Harvey of Passumpsic were week end guests at B. T. Webb's.

Mrs. Minnie Wilson is visiting Mrs. Chas. Barrows and Mrs. Alice Chamberlain at Barton.

Miss Mildred Anderson of Melrose Highlands, Mass., visited at E. R. Burt's recently.

Mrs. E. J. Hill is spending a week at Pottun Springs, Que. Mr. Hill spent Sunday with her.

Miss Clara Bailey has returned to Lowell, Mass., to resume her studies in business college.

George Gilchrist resumed his duties as express messenger Monday, after a ten days' vacation.

Mrs. Fullington of Mansville, Que., visited her daughter, Mrs. Iona Perkins, several days recently.

Carl Robinson of Milton has returned home after spending two weeks with his cousin, Guy Hicks.

The Mothers' Club will meet Tuesday evening, Sept. 7th, at the home of Mrs. Fred Carr, West Derby.

L. P. Aubin, who has been stopping at Abanaki Springs, has returned much improved in health.

Mrs. Carrie Taylor of Whitefield, N. H., has been spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Olsen.

George E. Curtis, C. C. Stannard and Frances Jacques of Lowell were business callers in town Monday.

C. R. Elkins of Baltimore, Md., is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. M. L. Elkins, 12 Prospect St.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Webb motored to Pottun Springs Sunday and had dinner.

Mrs. L. O. Drew and daughter, Dorothy, have returned from a fortnight's visit to relatives in Coaticook, P. Q.

Mrs. George Hayes and children have returned home, after having spent the summer with relatives in Charleston.

H. R. Wellman of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Knox of Epping, N. H., visited at L. B. Wellman's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Taylor and little daughter of Beecher Falls are visiting here and in West Derby this week.

Mrs. W. E. Adams, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. G. D. Gilchrist, has returned to her home in Providence, R. I.

The Passumpsic Co. employees returned home by moonlight and all reported the First Field Day a grand success.

Mrs. B. L. Demings' trained nurse of Beverly, Mass., is caring for Mrs. E. M. Smith again of 23 Bay St., this village.

Mrs. J. R. Huse has returned to her home in Gary, Ind., after spending the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Benj. Riley.

T. S. Cummings has so far recovered from his recent injury as to be able to walk, to some extent, without the use of crutches.

Read the new advertisement of The Pastime printed on last page. It opens Saturday night under entire new management.

Mrs. Mary Langlois and Miss Lablanc of Manchester, N. H., were guests of J. H. and Miss Lucina Bonneau several days recently.

The churches of Newport are engaged, under the direction of Edith Balch Wright, field secretary of the Vermont Sunday School association, in taking a religious census of the community.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the addition to the Bigelow block. The new part of this building will close up nearly all the windows in the True & Blanchard Co.'s offices, which will probably be moved, in part, to the other side of their store.

Miss Esther Bullock and Harold L. Miller were married at the Congregational parsonage by Rev. L. A. Edwards Wednesday evening, Aug. 25. The affair was especially secretive as the contracting parties anticipated an embarrassing raid by practical jokers; however, they were successful in evading them and got a safe start on their matrimonial journey.

The bungalow, which M. D. Spear had been building for Mr. and Mrs. Miller at Knowlton's Buff, was finished and ready for their occupancy; and there at camp "Siesta" the "newlyweds" are "at home" to their friends during the month of September.

**Magog Dam Breaks.**

On account of high water last week a serious break occurred in the big dam of the Dominion Mills company at Magog, P. Q. There was a weakness in the retaining wall which developed August 24th, and in three days it extended to the dam itself taking away about sixty feet including the gate.

This immediately resulted in a tremendous flow from Lake Memphremagog which is the great storage basin.

The big lake was lowered about two inches during the night. There is a storage of six feet or more in Lake Memphremagog and this will no doubt be rapidly drained.

Since the break occurred a lengthy conference has been held between the parties principally concerned and it has been decided to build an emergency dam just below the bridge sufficient to hold the waters back.

The emergency dam to be constructed is what is known as a crib dam.

## BROWNINGTON

William Davies called on old friends in Derby Sunday.

Norman Strawn, who has been very ill of late is able to ride out.

Palmer Chaffee is visiting his brother in Portland, Maine, this week.

Leon Going left Tuesday morning for Randolph, Vt., where he will enter the Agricultural school.

Schools in this town have begun, Miss Alberta Day is teacher in the village, and Miss Hazel Heath is the teacher in the North district.

Arthur Davies and Miss Tessie McClellan of West Derby were Sunday guests at Leon Lewis' in Morgan, and also callers on friends in Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Litchfield of Battle Creek, Michigan, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Litchfield, and Mr. and Mrs. George Going.

Mrs. Minnie Booth of South Stuckey, P. Q., and Mrs. Clyde Batchelder of Cleveland, Ohio, are also visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Litchfield.

A. Hoogekins of Portland, Me., has been visiting his boyhood home in this village at the home of Mrs. Calvin Wilson, with whom he had lived for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Kelley and Florence attended the Orleans County Sunday School convention held at Derby, Monday and Tuesday. Laurence Kelley acted as chauffeur for the party.

A good time was enjoyed last Wednesday evening at S. G. Marsh's when the Ladies' Aid served an ice cream supper. Many people were out to enjoy it all and listen to an excellent program.

A large crowd assembled at the hall last Thursday evening for a promenade. Most of the neighboring towns were represented, and a good time was enjoyed by all. Please remember that next Thursday evening, Sept. 9th, there will be another at the same place. All come and have a pleasant evening, the more the merrier.

Ask Will Wiggins and Alva Day how many blueberries they got last week at Island Pond. Guess the large boxes secured for the purpose were plenty large enough to hold the berries, but they probably both have a good bear story to relate.

Last week we wrote a few lines in regard to Edward Bixby, this week we copy the following from a Massachusetts paper. Aug. 13.—Edward N. Bixby, aged 26, was electrocuted this afternoon in the mill of the Fitchburg Paper Company when 550 volts passed through his body. Bixby and Milton Bennett were making repairs on a large motor and it was supposed that the work was completed. Bixby was left at the motor while Bennett went to the transformer house to turn on the current. Michael Friscoll, a fireman, was attracted by the odor of something burning and entering the room where the motor was located he found Bixby lying over the wiring. He called back to Bennett to turn off the current. Bixby was dead. There was a small burn on the palm of the left hand and this was all that could be found by Dr. R. C. Jones. It is believed that Bixby took hold of the wire that was attached to the electric motor and in some way completed a circuit. Bixby is survived by his mother.

## DERBY.

Lee Cuss was in town Sunday.

Miss Ruth Lamere has been quite ill the past week.

Miss Grace Beebe is working for Mrs. Barton Groat.

Tom Channing spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mrs. Wilbur Grow is very sick at the present writing.

Charles Young is not gaining as fast as his friends wish.

Prof. I. A. Bowdoin motored to Island Pond one day the past week.

Herbert Bates and William Rice have purchased new "Dodge" autos.

Mrs. Stuart of St. Johnsbury is visiting her sister, Mrs. Barton Groat.

Mrs. Carter and daughter of New York City are at Mrs. C. K. Bates'.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Hunter of West Derby spent Sunday with their parents.

Miss Winnie Fellows returned this week from camping at Lake Seymour.

Miss Annie Griggs of North Troy spent a few days of last week in town.

Mr. Young and family, who lived in the LeClair tenement, have moved to Island Pond.

Herbert Blanchard, who has been spending his vacation at home, has returned to Boston.

Hiram Tripp and wife of New York City are visiting at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tripp.

Mrs. Albert A. Silver has returned from an extended trip through the south western states with Mr. Silver.

The ice cream social given by the Congregational ladies last Friday was a success. About \$9.00 was taken.

Mrs. Charles Wilkie and two children are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Lamere and sister, Mrs. Fred Carney.

Ralph P. Cochran had the misfortune to have a piece of steel lodge in his eye. It was necessary to have Dr. Aldrich remove it with a lance.

The Orleans County Sunday school convention held Monday and Tuesday in Derby was a success in spite of the typical convention weather.

Miss Beatrice Tripp, who passed successfully the necessary requirements to study nursing in the St. Luke hospital of New York City, is spending her vacation at home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Shattuck were run into by an auto last Thursday afternoon at the Newport turn. Fortunately no one was hurt. The front part of the wagon was damaged. This makes the fourth auto accident in Derby this season.

Schools opened Monday with Miss Florence Fuller in district No. 17; Miss Vera Powers in district 19; Miss Johnson in district No. 18; Miss Rich on Bates' Hill and Miss Schoolcraft in the Hopkinson district. The Center school has Miss Fuller in 8th and 9th grades, Miss Coffin in 6th and 7th grades, Mrs. Groat in 4th and 5th grades and Miss Chamberlain in 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades.

## WEST DERBY.

O. R. Moulton of Burlington was in town last week.

Mrs. Henry Crandall is much improved from her recent illness.

Miss Tessie McClellan is spending the week with friends in St. Johnsbury.

Walter Hinman and wife are occupying their new house on South Field Avenue.

West Derby was well represented at the fair at St. Johnsbury and at Ayer's Cliff, P. Q., the past week.

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14, 15, 16, 17, 1915

Benj. Mosher and Miss Freda Badger of Newport were united in marriage last Sunday. Congratulations.

A large pipe is being laid on Oak street to conduct water to the inhabitants living in that section of the village.

Mrs. O. E. Dwyer and son Harold were in Boston last week, stopping off at Manchester, N. H., on their way home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fairbanks and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Shepard are basking in the sunlight and splashing in the ocean's briny surf at Orchard Beach.

Miss Mildred S. McClure has returned to Worcester, Mass., with her sister-in-law Mrs. C. H. McClure, where she will enter the Worcester girls trade school.

Mrs. Carrie Waterman will dispose of her household goods at auction on Saturday and will in the near future go to Portland, Maine, where she will make her home.

Mrs. Walter Cozier died at Brightlook hospital, St. Johnsbury, last Saturday. Funeral services were held at her late home Monday afternoon. A more extended notice next week.

Rev. Geo. Pomfrey and family have returned home from their month's vacation on Lake Champlain. We are glad to see them back and will be glad to see Mr. Pomfrey back in his place in the pulpit. Let us give him a glad welcome by a full house Sunday.

## DEMICK'S MILLS.

L. R. Taber is visiting friends in Morgan.

Irvin Walker of Barnston was in town one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ross were in Newport last Saturday.

Quite a number of our people went to the fair at Ayer's Cliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Bushaw of Lake, Vt., were in town one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Demick spent last week at Alton Bay campmeeting.

G. T. Ames and family of Derby Line spent last Sunday at Lake Riley.

Miss Mabel Cleveland of Barnston, P. Q., spent the week end at A. E. Jacob's.

Ulford Cargill of Morgan has been visiting relatives in town and spending a few days at Lake Riley.

The bobcat caught in East Holland and owned by Earl Jacobs, has been sold to Mr. Godfrey of Manchester, N. H.

C. L. Ames and family of Derby Line, also Mrs. C. C. Moulton and daughter of St. Johnsbury camped last week at Lake Riley.

The Ross Bros. of this place are busy putting up their new mill, where they intend putting in a new Harris steel grinder of the latest type for the purpose of doing custom grinding this winter in connection with their bobbin business. Give them a trial when in need of grinding.

## EAST CHARLESTON

Plymouth Congregational Church.

E. H. Ballou, Pastor.

September 3, Friday, 8:00 p. m., Miss I. M. Tenney, of Newport, who was a delegate to the World's Christian Endeavor convention at Chicago earlier in the summer, will give a report of the convention, followed by a social hour. Representatives from the societies at Island Pond and West Charleston will be present.

September 4, Saturday. A Sunday school picnic will be held on the grounds between Mr. Edson Dunton's home and Echo Pond. Everybody in the commun-

## Estate of Harriet A. Bartlett

STATE OF VERMONT, DISTRICT OF ESSEX, ss.

The HONORABLE PROBATE COURT for the DISTRICT OF ESSEX.

To all persons interested in the estate of Harriet A. Bartlett, late of Canaan, said District deceased:

GREETING.

At a Probate Court, holden at Canaan, within and for said District on the 1